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Applicant : BECOCCI et al.  
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REQUEST TO CONSIDER CLAIMS PRESENTED IN LAST AMENDMENT AND TO  
CONSIDER LAST AMENDMENT

Applicant notes that a final rejection has been issued dated May 11, 2006. Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Schwartz for discussing issues regarding this with Applicant's representative on June 9, 2006.

It is pointed out that with the request for continuing examination, Applicant submitted an Amendment including some amendments of existing claims, but also presenting new Claims 21-28. It was noted that these claims should have been examined with the request for continuing examination and that any Office Action should not have been final.